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H. RES. 838

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of State should not accept the credentials of any representative of the Government of Libya until the Government of Libya has fully met its financial commitments to the families of the victims of Pan Am Flight 103 and that the President should urge the Government of Libya to make a good faith effort to resolve other outstanding cases of United States victims of terrorism sponsored or supported by Libya.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2006

Mr. FERGUSON (for himself and Mr. ANDREWS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Government of Libya has not to date made a good faith effort to resolve the claims of members of the United States Armed Forces and other United States

citizens who were injured in the April 6, 1986, bombing of the LaBelle Discothèque in Berlin, Germany, and the claims of family members of the service men and women killed in that bombing or to resolve other outstanding cases of United States victims of terror sponsored or supported by Libya;

Whereas, on December 21, 1988, terrorists from Libya bombed Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people, including 189 Americans;

Whereas, on May 29, 2002, the Government of Libya offered \$2,700,000,000 to settle claims by the families of the 270 people killed aboard Pan Am Flight 103, representing \$10,000,000 for each victim of the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing;

Whereas, on August 15, 2003, Libya's Ambassador to the United Nations, Ahmed Own, submitted a letter to the United Nations Security Council formally accepting "responsibility for the action of its officials" in relation to the Lockerbie bombing;

Whereas, on May 15, 2006, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice announced her intention to remove Libya from the list of countries that sponsor terrorism and to establish diplomatic relations with the Government of Libya; and

Whereas the families of the victims of Pan Am Flight 103 have not yet received the final \$2,000,000 payment promised by the Government of Libya: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

1 (1) it remains an important priority for further
2 improvement in the relations between the United
3 States and Libya that the Government of Libya
4 make a good faith effort to resolve all outstanding
5 claims of United States victims of terrorism sponsored or supported by Libya;
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7 (2) the Secretary of State should not accept the
8 credentials of any representative of the Government
9 of Libya until the Government of Libya has fully
10 met all of its financial commitments to each of the
11 personal representatives of United States victims of
12 Pan Am Flight 103 who accepted the settlement
13 with the Government of Libya; and

14 (3) the President should urge the Government
15 of Libya to make an good faith effort to resolve—

16 (A) the claims of members of the United
17 States Armed Forces and other United States
18 citizens who were injured in the LaBelle
19 Discothèque bombing and the claims of family
20 members of the service men and women killed
21 in that bombing; and

22 (B) all other outstanding cases of United
23 States victims of terror sponsored or supported
24 by Libya.

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